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SUBJECT: NWC VISIT TO MOROCCO

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1. EMBASSY INFORMED BY ROYAL ARMED FORCES (FAR) LIAISON OFFICER THAT PERMISSION GRANTED FOR NWC GROUP TO VISIT MOROCCO. AS RESULT OF PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH FAR REPRESENTATIVE, FOLLOWING PROVISIONAL

SCHEDULE IS WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND FOR THE NWC GROUP. THIS IS CONTINGENT, OF COURSE, OF MOROCCANS BEING ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE THE GROUP ON DATES AND DATES REQUESTED.

SATURDAY, 1 MAY

NWC GROUP ARRIVES AND GOES TO HILTON HOTEL IN RABAT TO RON.

SUNDAY, 2 MAY

0930 DEPARTURE FOR FEZ, VIA MEKNES: DAY WILL BE SPENT VISITING THE CITY, MARKETS (SOUKS), ETC.

LUNCH: AT MEKNES. RON AT HOTEL MERINIDES IN FEZ.

OPTION FOR DINNER: THOSE WHO WISH CAN DINE IN HOTEL; OTHERS GO TO TYPICAL MOROCCAN RESTAURANT IN THE OLD CITY (MEDINA).

NWC WASHINGTON DC

MONDAY, 3 MAY

MORNING: VISIT A TEXTILE FACTORY AND CALL ON LOCAL OFFICIALS IN FEZ.

LUNCH IN FEZ.

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AFTERNOON: LEAVE FEZ FOR MEKNES. VISIT ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY AT

MEKNES, AND THEN RETURN TO HILTON HOTEL IN RABAT.

EVENING: FREE

TUESDAY, 4 MAY

MORNING: EMBASSY BRIEFINGS (POL, ECON,DATT, ETC.)

LUNCH: HOSTED BY VARIOUS EMBASSY OFFICERS.

AFTERNOON: VISIT TO MOHAMMED V TOMB AND MOSQUE. NO CEREMONIES INVOLVED.

1600 HOURS: BRIEFING BY FOREIGN MINISTRY

EVENING: FREE; DINNER

WEDNESDAY, 5 MAY

MORNING: BRIEFINGS BY DEFENSE AND OFFICE OF SECSTATE FOR PLANNING

REMAINDER OF DAY: FREE TIME. CAN ARRANGE FOR SHOPPING, SIGHT-

SEEING TOURS ON REQUEST.

THURSDAY, 6 MAY

GROUP DEPARTS FOR MADRID

3. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

A. FAR WILL PROBABLY PROVIDE AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING ESCORT OFFICER TO ACCOMPANY THE GROUP DURING ITS STAY HERE. ALSO POSSIBLE THAT FAR MAY WISH TO HOST A LUNCHEON OR DINNER FOR THE GROUP.

B. AMBASSADOR ANDERSON WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HOST A RECEPTION ON EITHER TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY FOR THE NWC GROUP. DATE NOT YET DECIDED.

C. IT IS LIKELY THAT AT EAET TWO OF THE MOROCCAN BRIEFINGS WILL BE GIVEN IN FRENCH. POSSIBILITY THAT FOREIGN AFFAIRS BRIEFING MIGHT BE IN ENGLISH. INTERPRETER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE BRIEFINGS GIVEN IN FRENCH.ANDERSON

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